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As an Apple developer, I support a settlement that is fair and results in undoing the damage done by Microsoft's illegal actions in the marketplace. Obviously the impact on the internet by MS's illegal tying of IE has limited choice, stifled innovation, and slowed the spread of the beneficial technological resources engendered by the net.

As far as a critical BROADBAND resource being adversely impacted, Apple's QUICKTIME digital video technology has been shut out by MS's on-going efforts to dominate this niche.

In the area of education users, the proposed (and now rejected) settlement where MS would donate software to schools would have just improved MS's hold on an important market niche.

We struggle every day to educate potential customers about the pitfalls of a MS-only environment. The company has been unfair and used their (derived from illegal monopoly revenues) warchest to lock out open competition and eliminate choice. We can see from the security issues surrounding MS that having no choice doesn't just cost consumers more money -- it also opens the door to malicious and potentially huge damage from miscreants.

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